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Brief Summary of Selected Substantive Portions of this Response

[0001] Independent claims 24 and 62 have been amended to incorporate subject matter originally claimed in claims 31 and 32. Additionally, independent claims 24, 48, 58 and 62 have been amended to clarify that attributes assigned to goods or services comprise a relative importance that identifies geographic importance relative to a region.

[0002] This brief summary is not intended to represent the Applicant's full response to the Action. Rather, it is merely a brief summary of selected substantive portions of the response herein.